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SUBJECT: ES-NZ TRADE

REF: WELLINGTON 2191

1. FOLLOWING CONVERSATION WITH WALDING (REF) I FOLLOWED UP WITH BRIAN MACDONNELL, NEWLY APPOINTED UNDER SECRETARY TO MINISTER TRADE AND INDUSTRIES (FREER). MACDONELL'S SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY IS TARIFFS AND IMPORT LICENSING.

2. I MADE TWO POINTS:

A. TURKEY (REF PARA 3A). IMPORTS US TURKEY TO NZ BEGINNING TO MOVE WITH FOUR NZ FIRMS SEEKING IMPORT LICENSES. HOWEVER GNZ STILL IMPOSING 45-55 PERCENT DUTY AND NZ POULTRY PRODUCERS BEGINNING SQUAWK. HISTORY US EXPORTS SIMILAR POULTRY PRODUCTS TO OTHER COUNTRIES SHOWED IN THE END BOTH US EXPORTERS AND DOMESTIC PRODUCERS BENEFITED AS INCREASED LOCAL DEMAND FOR POULTRY GREW. IN REPLY HIS REQUEST I PROMISED SEND HIM LETTER ON THIS POINT. I SAID IN VIEW HIGH PRICE

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NZ MEAT WHICH CAUSING NZ CONSUMERS TO COMPLAIN, INCREASED

AVAILABILITY POULTRY WITHOUT HIGH TARIFF COULD HELP
GNZ. HE AGREED. I MENTIONED WALDING'S VIEW THAT
NZ POULTRY SHOULD NOT BE ENCOURAGED (REF 3A).
MACDONELL RECALLED WITH PLEASURE HE HAD BEEN GUEST AT
LUNCH I GAVE FOR MP'S WHICH FEATURED US TURKEY.

B. NZ GATT VIOLATIONS. I HANDED MACDONELL COPY
EMBASSY NOTE JULY 12 (SEPTEL) ON NZ GATT VIOLATIONS
SUCH AS VINYL FLOOR COVERING. HE ASKED FOR LIST PRODUCTS
INVOLVED WHICH I WILL SEND HIM. I MENTIONED THAT
US OFFICIALS BECOMING CONCERNED AND THAT IT MIGHT IMPROVE
ATMOSPHERE BETWEEN NZ AND US EXPERTS AT TOKYO WHEN GATT
TALKS START SEPTEMBER 12 IF THIS MATTER COULD BE
RESOLVED. SUCH A RESOLUTION MIGHT MAKE IT EASIER FOR
EXPERTS TO FOCUS ON MATTERS OF COMMON NZ-US INTEREST.
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